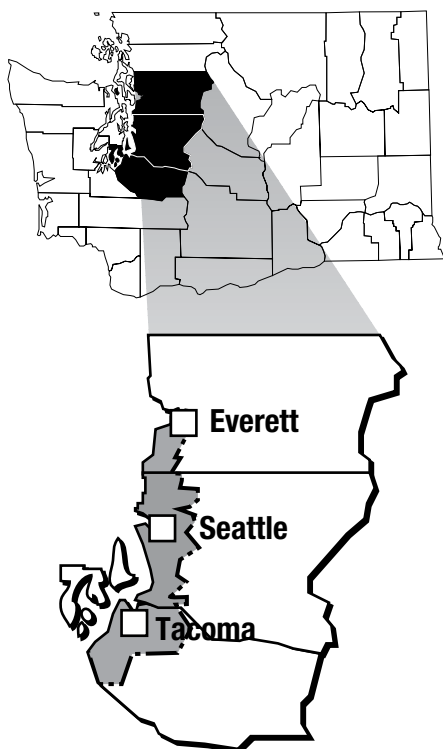


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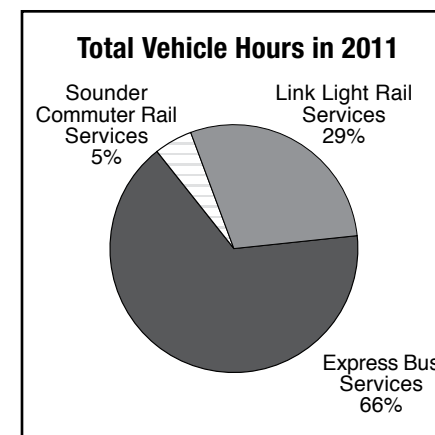
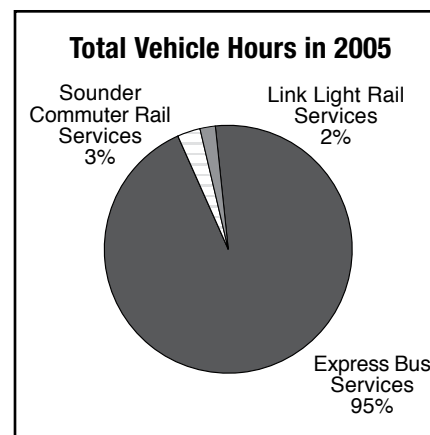
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## System Snapshot



- Operating Name: Sound Transit (Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority)
- Service Area: Urbanized area of King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties
- Congressional Districts: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9
- Legislative Districts: 1, 2, 5, 11, 21, 25, 27-34, 36-38, 41, and 43-48
- Type of Government: Regional Transit Authority
- Governing Body: 18-member Board of Directors; 17 members are local elected officials, and the 18th member is the Washington State Department of Transportation Secretary. Local elected officials include mayors, city councilmembers, county executives, and county councilmembers from within the Sound Transit District. Currently, these members include three members from Snohomish County, ten from King County, and four from Pierce County.
- Tax Authorized: 0.4 percent sales and use tax and 0.3 percent motor vehicle excise tax approved in November 1996.



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- Types of Service: Express bus routes within and between Pierce and King Counties and between Snohomish and King Counties; commuter rail between Tacoma and Seattle and between Everett and Seattle; and light rail service in downtown Tacoma.
- Days of Service: Daily, between 2:45 a.m. and 12:15 a.m.
- Base Fare: Zone-based structure, \$1.50 single zone fare for Express bus service and \$2.00 for Sounder commuter rail, light rail service is free.

### Current Operations

Sound Transit contracts with:

- Pierce Transit to provide:
  - Three intercity commuter routes (two between Tacoma and Seattle and one between Bonney Lake and Tacoma); and
  - Three suburban intercity routes (one between Lakewood and Seattle via Tacoma, one between Lakewood and SeaTac, and one between Lakewood and Auburn).
- King County Metro Transit to provide:
  - Two urbanized commuter routes (Issaquah/Seattle); and
  - Five suburban intercity routes (between Bellevue and Seattle, Bellevue and SeaTac, Bellevue and Federal Way, Redmond and the University of Washington, and between SeaTac and Seattle via Burien).
- Community Transit to provide:
  - Three intercity commuter routes (one between Everett and Bellevue via Lynnwood, one between Everett and Seattle via Lynnwood, and one between Northgate and Everett); and
  - Two suburban intercity routes (one between Everett and Bellevue and one between Everett and Seattle via Lynnwood).



Commuter routes operate only on weekdays. Suburban intercity routes operate everyday, except four of the King County routes that operate weekdays only.

Sound Transit contracts with the BNSF Railway Company to provide Sounder commuter rail service between Seattle and Tacoma, with three round trips daily and stops at seven stations, and between Seattle and Everett, with one daily round trip and stops at three stations. Sound Transit contracts with Amtrak for maintenance of Sounder trains.

Sound Transit also operates Tacoma Link Light Rail. The 1.6-mile light rail line runs seven days a week between Tacoma Dome Station at Freighthouse Square and the city's historic Theater District.

### Revenue Service Vehicles

Fixed Route – 197 buses, all ADA accessible, model years ranging from 1999 to 2001.

Commuter Rail – 58 rail cars and 11 locomotives.

Light Rail – three electric-powered light rail cars.

## Facilities

Sound Transit has administrative offices at Union Station near downtown Seattle and community offices in Seattle and Tacoma.

Sound Transit also has nine commuter rail stations in Seattle, Tukwila, Kent, Auburn, Puyallup, Sumner, Tacoma, Everett, and Edmonds.

## Intermodal Connections

Sound Transit's ST Express bus service provides connections with Amtrak at Seattle's King Street Station and Tacoma's Amtrak station, as well as the Greyhound bus depots in Seattle, Everett, and Tacoma. The ST Express commuter service also serves downtown Seattle's ferry terminal for Washington State Ferries.

Sound Transit serves a total of 65 park and ride lots and transit centers in the Puget Sound region.

The bus service also provides connections with King County Metro Transit in Seattle, Bellevue, Federal Way, Redmond, Auburn, Burien, and SeaTac; Pierce Transit in Tacoma, Gig Harbor, Bonney Lake, and Lakewood; Community Transit in Everett and Lynnwood; Everett Transit in Everett; and Intercity Transit in Tacoma and Lakewood.

The new Tacoma Link Light Rail serves the Tacoma Dome Station providing connections to ST Express regional bus service; Pierce Transit local bus service; Sound Transit's Sounder commuter rail; Greyhound buses; nearby Amtrak intercity rail service; and two parking garages with 2,400 park and ride spaces.



## 2005 Achievements

- Completed the Ash Way Transit Access/164th SW project.
- Completed the Redondo Heights Park and Ride.
- Completed SR 900 Park and Ride Arterial Improvements.
- Completed the Woodinville Arterial HOV Enhancements.
- Completed the Yarrow Point Stop Improvements.
- Completed preliminary engineering and start final design on the Tacoma-Lakewood track and facilities commuter rail segment.
- Added one round trip to each Sounder commuter rail line.
- Continued construction on the entire Central Link initial segment corridor.
- Completed the Airport Link Environmental Analysis.

## 2006 Objectives

- Complete Bellevue Rider Services Building.
- Complete Bothell Branch Campus Access at 195th/I-405.
- Complete Eastgate Transit Access/142nd SE.
- Complete Federal Way Transit Center/S 317th.
- Complete Federal Way HOV Access/S 317th.
- Complete Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride.
- Complete Sammamish Park and Ride/228th SE.
- Complete design of stations at South Tacoma and Lakewood.
- Complete first light rail segment for Central Link.
- Publish Final Environmental Impact Statement for North Link.

## Long-range Plans (2007 through 2011)

- Complete track and signal work for Sounder commuter rail between Seattle and Everett and Seattle and Tacoma.
- Complete purchase and upgrade of the Tacoma to Lakewood rail line for Sounder commuter train service.
- Add new Sounder stations and parking at Mukilteo, South Tacoma, and Lakewood; upgrade stations and/or parking facilities at Everett, Edmonds, Sumner, and Puyallup.
- Increase Sounder service to four round trips on weekdays (Everett-Seattle) and nine weekday round trips (Lakewood-Tacoma-Seattle).
- Complete transit centers or freeway bus stops and/or direct access ramps at Federal Way, Kirkland, Issaquah, Totem Lake, North Everett, South Everett, Issaquah Highlands, Mercer Island, and Mountlake Terrace.
- Complete park and ride lots at Everett Station, Sammamish, Lynwood, Mercer Island, Federal Way, and Issaquah Highlands.
- Take delivery of 26 long-haul transit buses; 32 60-foot, low-floor articulated buses; and four 40-foot buses for ST Express service.
- Increase service frequency and hours on several ST Express bus routes.
- Take delivery of 31 articulated, low-floor light rail vehicles for Link.



- Complete construction of the maintenance facility and the 14-mile initial segment of Link light rail including stations at:
  - Westlake Center (Seattle bus/light rail tunnel modification)
  - University Street (Seattle bus/light rail tunnel modification)
  - Pioneer Square (Seattle bus/light rail tunnel modification)
  - International District (Seattle bus/light rail tunnel modification)
  - SODO/S Lander Street
  - Beacon Hill
  - Mount Baker/S McClellan Street
  - Columbia City/S Edmunds Street
  - Othello/New Holly
  - Rainier Beach
  - Tukwila International Boulevard
- Complete engineering and design work on the North Link extension of light rail from downtown Seattle through First Hill, Capitol Hill, the University of Washington, Roosevelt to Northgate, and on Airport Link extension from Tukwila to Sea-Tac, and South 200th Street.
- Begin light rail service on the initial segment of Link light rail between Westlake Center in Seattle and Tukwila International Boulevard station in Tukwila, with connecting shuttle bus service to Sea-Tac Airport.



	2003	2004	2005	% Change	2006	2007	2008	2011
<b>Annual Operating Information</b>								
Service Area Population	2,751,970	2,771,127	<b>2,653,000*</b>	-4.26%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Express Bus Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	329,744	378,529	<b>418,167</b>	10.47%	423,832	436,775	461,760	471,162
Total Vehicle Hours	493,448	541,089	<b>562,163</b>	3.89%	569,779	587,179	620,767	633,407
Revenue Vehicle Miles	8,413,612	9,232,465	<b>10,254,710</b>	11.07%	10,393,638	10,711,040	11,323,736	11,554,309
Total Vehicle Miles	10,693,880	11,767,141	<b>11,874,577</b>	0.91%	12,035,450	12,402,990	13,112,470	13,379,465
Passenger Trips	7,399,914	8,394,273	<b>8,815,793</b>	5.02%	8,900,000	9,200,000	10,000,000	10,600,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	1,691,665	1,846,997	<b>2,081,424</b>	12.69%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
CNG Fuel Consumed (Therms)	0	738,290	<b>625,500</b>	-15.28%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	11	24	<b>21</b>	-12.50%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	113	117	<b>3</b>	-97.44%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	37.0	26.0	<b>99.2**</b>	281.54%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$45,991,000	\$52,064,990	<b>\$61,860,000</b>	18.81%	\$68,191,000	\$74,268,000	\$80,864,000	\$93,466,000
Farebox Revenues	\$9,781,000	\$10,942,521	<b>\$12,833,000</b>	17.28%	\$14,209,000	\$14,683,000	\$15,974,000	\$18,254,000
<b>Sounder Commuter Rail Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	9,769	11,732	<b>14,201</b>	21.05%	16,855	20,047	32,287	41,343
Total Vehicle Hours	12,161	11,732	<b>17,766</b>	51.43%	21,086	25,080	40,392	51,722
Revenue Vehicle Miles	381,996	434,096	<b>533,047</b>	22.79%	632,664	752,493	1,211,916	1,551,860
Total Vehicle Miles	386,862	434,096	<b>540,028</b>	24.40%	640,950	762,348	1,227,788	1,572,184
Passenger Trips	751,163	955,298	<b>1,267,973</b>	32.73%	1,200,000	1,400,000	1,700,000	2,600,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	487,847	603,441	<b>703,844</b>	16.64%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	2	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	1	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	25.0	17.0	<b>49.4**</b>	190.59%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$13,610,000	\$16,019,009	<b>\$22,198,000</b>	38.57%	\$27,497,000	\$30,352,000	\$35,782,000	\$39,432,000
Farebox Revenues	\$1,843,000	\$2,263,014	<b>\$2,684,000</b>	18.60%	\$2,959,000	\$3,415,000	\$4,233,000	\$7,385,000

\* Beginning in 2005, a more refined calculation method is being used to better represent the population within the Sound Transit district boundary.

\*\* Beginning in 2005, the Sound Transit FTE count will include all employees allocated by lines of business.

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	2003	2004	2005	% Change	2006	2007	2008	2011
<b>Link Light Rail Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	3,467	9,971	<b>10,093</b>	1.22%	10,208	10,208	10,208	283,321
Total Vehicle Hours	3,467	9,971	<b>10,093</b>	1.22%	10,208	10,208	10,208	283,321
Revenue Vehicle Miles	34,387	96,420	<b>96,322</b>	-0.10%	97,422	97,422	97,422	2,703,859
Total Vehicle Miles	34,466	97,442	<b>96,322</b>	-1.15%	97,442	97,442	97,422	2,703,859
Passenger Trips	266,793	794,582	<b>884,895</b>	11.37%	900,000	900,000	1,000,000	10,500,000
Electricity Consumed (Kwh)	0	742,280	<b>642,311</b>	-13.47%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	1	<b>2</b>	100.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	3	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	88.0	77.0	<b>231.4**</b>	200.52%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$5,293,000	\$2,543,781	<b>\$3,806,000</b>	49.62%	\$3,300,000	\$3,595,000	\$3,739,000	\$46,401,000

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	2003	2004	2005	% Change	2006	2007	2008	2011
<b>Annual Revenues</b>								
Sales Tax	\$206,665,000	\$221,185,856	<b>\$230,998,000</b>	4.44%	\$243,192,000	\$254,939,000	\$269,027,000	\$312,286,000
MVET	\$61,189,000	\$64,714,218	<b>\$68,645,000</b>	6.07%	\$70,507,000	\$73,192,000	\$76,821,000	\$89,505,000
Farebox Revenues	\$11,624,000	\$13,205,535	<b>\$15,517,000</b>	17.50%	\$17,168,000	\$18,098,000	\$20,207,000	\$25,639,000
Other	\$15,347,000	\$10,296,359	<b>\$29,941,000</b>	190.79%	\$35,772,000	\$36,519,000	\$6,876,000	\$18,076,000
Total	\$294,825,000	\$309,401,968	<b>\$345,101,000</b>	11.54%	\$366,639,000	\$382,748,000	\$372,931,000	\$445,506,000
<b>Annual Operating Expenses</b>								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$64,894,000	\$70,627,780	<b>\$87,864,000</b>	24.40%	\$98,988,000	\$108,215,000	\$120,385,000	\$179,299,000
Other	\$19,281,000	\$128,566,756	<b>\$54,088,000</b>	-57.93%	\$64,045,000	\$30,165,000	\$23,303,000	\$17,659,000
Total	\$84,175,000	\$199,194,536	<b>\$141,952,000</b>	-28.74%	\$163,033,000	\$138,380,000	\$143,688,000	\$196,958,000
<b>Debt Service</b>								
Interest	\$0	\$0	<b>\$29,458,000***</b>	N.A.	\$37,976,000	\$37,764,000	\$37,543,000	\$91,080,000
Principal	\$17,164,000	\$17,163,888	<b>\$0***</b>	N.A.	\$4,270,000	\$4,445,000	\$4,620,000	\$11,130,000
Total	\$17,164,000	\$17,163,888	<b>\$29,458,000</b>	71.63%	\$42,246,000	\$42,209,000	\$42,163,000	\$102,210,000
<b>Annual Capital Purchase Obligations</b>								
Federal Section 5309 Capital Grants	\$33,464,000	\$98,823,063	<b>\$57,360,000</b>	-41.96%	\$80,966,000	\$64,414,000	\$70,290,000	\$0
CM/AQ and Other Federal Grants	\$0	\$4,442,860	<b>\$68,697,000</b>	1446.23%	\$50,759,000	\$15,123,000	\$25,665,000	\$0
Other State Capital Grants	\$0	\$10,000	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$338,324,000	\$0	<b>\$334,056,000</b>	N.A.	\$348,909,000	\$757,844,000	\$616,831,000	\$8,578,000
Total	\$371,788,000	\$103,275,923	<b>\$460,113,000</b>	345.52%	\$480,634,000	\$837,381,000	\$712,786,000	\$8,578,000
<b>Ending Balances, December 31</b>								
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$706,609,000	\$567,569,596	<b>\$795,800,000</b>	40.21%	\$615,573,000	\$44,367,000	\$22,526,000	\$421,676,000
Total	\$706,609,000	\$567,569,596	<b>\$795,800,000</b>	40.21%	\$615,573,000	\$44,367,000	\$22,526,000	\$421,676,000

\*\*\* Different accounting methodology use as of 2005.

